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A Quantity of Valuable  
Jewellery,  
including:—  
Gold Watches, Diamond, Diamond  
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Pendant Neck Ornaments, Diamond  
Bangles, Scarf Pins, Gold and Ornamental  
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Earrings,  
etc., etc., etc.

On view Wednesday, December 22,  
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Terms—Cash.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
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Hongkong, December 20, 1920.

(For Account of the Concerned),

**THURSDAY,**  
December 23, 1920, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms,  
No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner  
of Ice House Street,  
Several Cameras, Sextants, 1  
Dummy Level and 70 vol.  
Minutes of Institute of  
Civil Engineers.

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**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, December 21, 1920.

(For Account of the Concerned),

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December 24, 1920, at 12 noon,  
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**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
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Hongkong, December 21, 1920.

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**WEDNESDAY,**  
January 5, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.,  
at Messrs. Gains, Deyward & Co's  
Godown, Praya East,  
About 600, 100 to 125 Volts, D.C.  
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Fittings,  
by the Westinghouse Electric and  
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including 12 in., 16 in. desk and bracket  
fans, six bladed grating fans and 4  
bladed ceiling fans.  
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and 4th January, 1921.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1920.

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## INTIMATIONS

### REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

THE completion of the Ball Room  
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Dance Floor capacity to 6,000 Square  
Feet.

### DINNER DANCES

will be held at the above Hotel on the  
following dates:—

### TO-DAY

(WEDNESDAY), 22nd December, 1920.

XMAS EVE, FRIDAY, 24th December,  
1920.

BONING DAY, MONDAY, 27th Dec-  
ember, 1920.

WEDNESDAY, 29th December, 1920.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, FRIDAY, 31st  
December, 1920.

AND  
NEW YEAR'S DAY, SATURDAY,  
1st January, 1921.

### HONGKONG HOTEL.

### DINNER DANCE

XMAS NIGHT, SATURDAY, 24th  
December, 1920.

### HONGKONG HOTEL.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, FRIDAY,  
31st December, 1920.

THE attention of patrons is drawn to  
the fact that the usual dance  
will not be held at the Hotel on the  
above date, as the entire accommoda-  
tion has been booked from 9.30 p.m. for  
the "AT HOME" to be given by Lt.  
Col. J. E. Wyndham and Officers of the  
2nd Battalion, The Duke of Edin-  
burgh's (Westshire Regiment).  
Hongkong, December 15, 1920.

### WAR MEMORIAL

### SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

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scription, of a building to be  
run on Y.M.C.A. lines, to be called the  
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and to be managed for the joint use  
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Kowloon Bowling Club.  
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Club de Recreio.  
"Craigengower Club."

M. J. BREEN.  
Hon. Secretary,  
War Memorial Committee.  
Hongkong, December 15, 1920.

### CHINESE CUSTOMS

### NOTIFICATION.

ON and after 16th January next  
for a period of one year a Surtax  
for Famine Relief of one tenth on  
all collections of revenue made by  
Maritime and Native Customs—except  
Tonnage Dues—will be levied.  
Shipments to China made prior to  
16th January, 1921, will be exempt  
from this Surtax.

W. G. LAY,  
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,  
Kowloon and District.  
B.O. Inspector General of Chinese  
Customs.  
York Buildings.  
Hongkong, December 18, 1920.

### MARTIN'S

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## INTIMATIONS.

### GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC MINISTRY FOR THE COLONIES.

DEPARTMENT OF DIPLOMATIC,  
GEOGRAPHICAL AND NAVAL  
SERVICE.

"Pangim" ex "Numantia."  
"Damao" ex "Brisbane."—"India"  
ex "Vorwarts."—"Goa" ex "Marien-  
fels."—"Diu" ex "Lichtenfels."

It is hereby informed to the Con-  
signees, either of the allied or neutral  
nations, who had goods on board of  
the above steamers:—

"THAT according to the terms of  
the DECREE No. 6,993 dated 1st  
October of the present year, they  
may put up their claims to recover  
the balances of sums due to them  
being proceeds of goods sold or com-  
mandeered, which formed parts of  
shipments of the above steamers,  
within the period of six months, com-  
mencing from the 1st October of the  
current year.

The claims should be accompanied  
by the following documents:

(a.) Application by the Concerned or  
by his legal representative.  
(b.) Certificate of nationality of the  
Concerned issued by his respective  
Consul.

(c.) Bill of Lading duly countersigned  
if it is necessary.

(d.) Power of Attorney of the Owner  
of the goods if the claim is not  
to be filed by himself stating the  
person to whom the amount due  
should be paid either in Portu-  
guese or British India.

(e.) Discharged and acquitted in-  
voices proving that the cost of the  
goods has been duly paid to the  
sellers.

(f.) Letter of Guaranty as per terms  
of the DECREE No. 3,500, dated  
28th January of 1918 if it is  
necessary.

This certificate is only applicable  
when the payments are to be made  
under "Bonds," which should be  
given by the respective Government  
of the Concerned assuming the  
responsibility for the payment.

In case the Concerned are not able  
to appear personally, they should  
grant Power of Attorney to an in-  
dividual or firm of well known stand-  
ing either in Portuguese or British  
India for the purpose to sign all the  
necessary documents relating to the  
collection of what is due to them.

All the documents above men-  
tioned should be stamped and with their  
respective translations attached to  
under the terms of Portuguese laws,  
and "vises" by the respective con-  
sular authorities.

The Attorneys of the Claimants  
both in Portuguese and British India  
must be qualified so that they may  
be able to solve any difficulties that  
may be raised during the course of  
proceedings for default in non-com-  
pliance with any legal requirement.

All the claims followed by the way  
as above mentioned should be for-  
warded to:—  
DIRECTOR OF DIPLOMATIC, GEO-  
GRAPHICAL AND NAVAL  
SERVICE MINISTRY FOR  
THE COLONIES.

CLAIMS—LISBON (PORTUGAL)  
Those Consignees who had already  
presented their claims at the Office  
of the Attorney General of the  
Republic in GOA (Portuguese India),  
and not having yet been accorded  
with a dispatch for incorporation of  
documents or for their having not  
been legally done, may still  
be allowed to rectify those  
faults and irregularities by  
themselves or by their attorneys  
within the six months as above stated.

Those Consignees who had taken  
delivery of their goods under "Bonds"  
or against cash deposit, may—by the  
sanction of the Office of the Attorney  
General in GOA (Portuguese India)—  
recover their deposits or get those  
"Bonds" cancelled as soon as they  
are able to produce those legal  
documents that were short or  
having complied with the legal formal-  
ities required, non-fulfilment  
thereof was the cause of the require-  
ment of those deposits and "Bonds."

At the expiration of the period of  
the six months aforesaid, the settle-  
ments will be made of those claims  
legally recognised in BOMBAY and  
in GOA, for that purpose notices  
will be duly published.

DEPARTMENT OF THE DIPLOMA-  
TIC, GEOGRAPHICAL AND NAVAL  
SERVICE FOR THE MINISTRY FOR  
THE COLONIES in Lisbon, 2nd October,  
1920.

(Signed) ERNESTO DE VASCON-  
CELLOS  
Capt. M.G.

It is correct  
Department of the Diplomatic,  
Geographical and Naval Service, 2nd  
October, 1920.

(Signed) PAULO DE MOURA  
COUTINHO ALMEIDA  
D'ECA  
Capt.

In charge of the Service.

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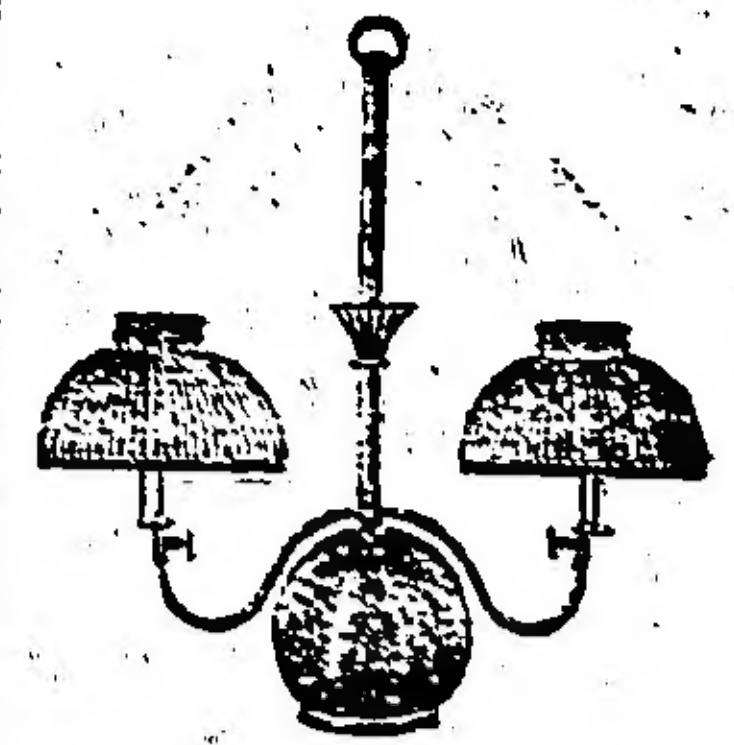
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### SHELLEY ON POLITICS.

(Continued from page 2.)

It has been said that all the land  
in the nation is mortgaged for the  
amount of the National Debt. This  
is a partial statement. Not only all  
the land in the nation, but all the  
property of whatever denomination,  
all the houses and furniture and the  
goods and every article of mer-  
chandise, and the property which is  
represented by the very money  
lent by the fundholder, who is  
bound to pay a certain portion  
as debtor whilst he is entitled to  
receive another portion as creditor.  
The property of the rich is  
mortgaged.

And, he concludes, "to use the  
language of the law, let the  
mortgagee foreclose." Shelley's re-  
sponse, in fact, is some form of re-  
pudiation. "One of the first acts of  
a reformed government would un-  
doubtedly be an effectual scheme for  
compelling these [the rich creditors  
of the nation] to compromise their  
debt between themselves." No doubt  
he was wrong in supposing repudia-  
tion possible, and, in a letter written  
in the last year of his life and quoted  
by Mr. Rolleston, he seems to acknow-  
ledge this. "The Government must  
content itself with less in taxes, the  
landowner must submit to receive  
less rent, and the fundholder a dim-  
inished interest, or they will all get  
nothing." But he was one of the few  
who saw the true nature and operation  
and danger of a national debt pro-  
duced by a great war. It is a fact  
that those who have money lend it  
to the nation, and that afterwards  
they levy a tax on the nation in the  
form of their interest. If this levy is  
too heavy to be borne, in some way  
or another it must be lightened, and  
the problem is to lighten it in the  
fairest way possible. To ignore the  
problem is merely to leave the allevia-  
tion to chance, which means to  
make it more unjust than it need be.

Apart from the matter of the  
National Debt, Shelley is a very  
moderate reformer; he is not even  
in favour of immediate universal  
suffrage, which would, he thinks,  
produce a premature attempt at a  
republic; nor is he, yet, in favour of  
a woman's suffrage, or of the ballot.  
He has an unexpected dread of a  
violent revolution.

If Reform shall be begun by the  
existing government, let it be contented  
with a limited beginning, with  
any, whatsoever, opening; let the  
rotten boroughs be disfranchised and  
their rights transferred to the un-  
enfranchised cities and districts of  
the nation; it is no matter how slow,  
gradual and cautious be the change,  
we shall demand more and more with  
firmness and moderation, never  
anticipating but never deferring the  
moment of successful opposition, so  
that the people may become habitu-  
ated to exercising the functions of  
sovereignty, in proportion as they  
acquire the possession of it.

His vote, he says, is for universal  
suffrage and equal representation  
only if all reform is denied, and  
finally, he would avoid civil war by  
all possible means because all war is  
the enemy of freedom.

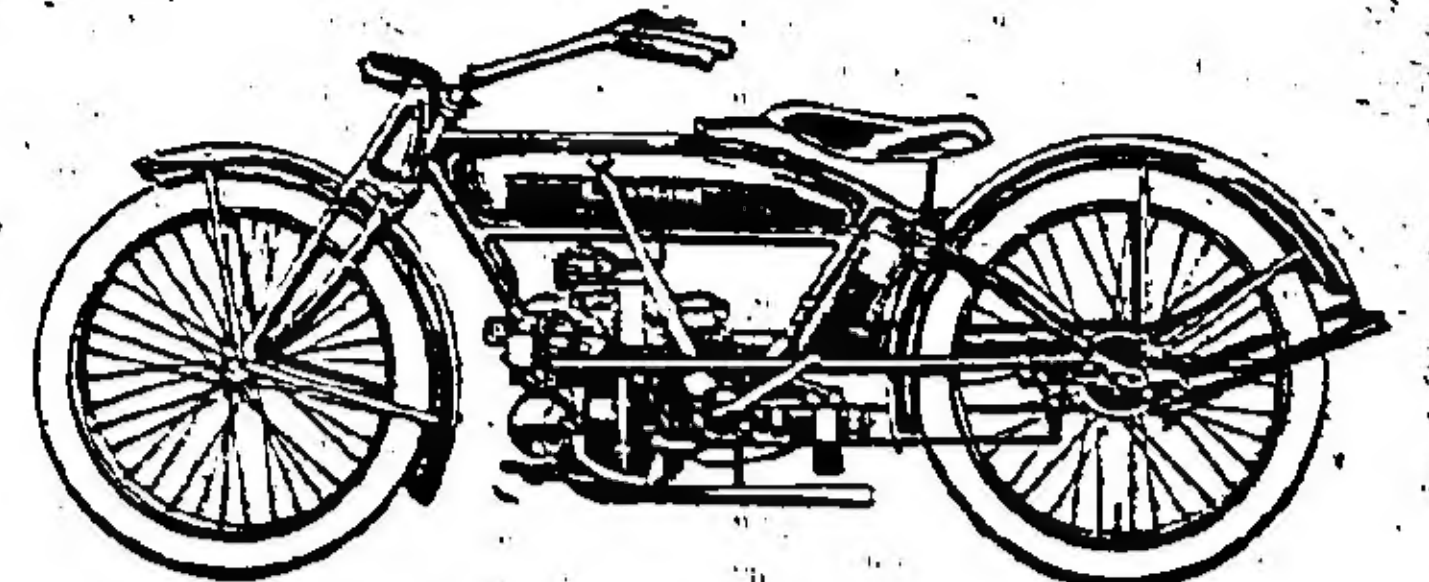
The pamphlet is fragmentary, with  
gaps and cancelled passages; it is  
rather a statement of principles than  
of measures; and it is written by one  
whose natural medium was poetry,  
not prose. But, for all that, it is  
one of the wisest pieces of  
political thought of its age; of  
peculiar interest to us now, and  
likely to arouse in a modern reader  
hope rather than despair, since it  
proves that, even if our difficulties  
are greater than faced in 1820, we  
are facing them with more courage,  
more knowledge, and less sophistical  
selfishness.—Times.

## NOTICES.

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### NEW CRIMES.

#### UNPRECEDENTED WAVER.

#### EXTRAORDINARY INSTANCES.

Never has there been such a wave  
of crime on the Continent, and never  
have criminals shown such skill and  
powers of concentration and organi-  
zation.

Five years of forced honesty dur-  
ing the war, a well-known French  
detective-inspector said to me the  
other day, "have not cured the born  
criminal. Rather have they had the  
contrary effect. Many criminals who  
managed to enter the army under  
false names were excellent soldiers.  
Some of them became brave officers.  
Now they have in many cases re-  
turned to their first career, led to it by  
love of adventure, and also by that  
mental 'kick' which so often makes  
criminals. They have brought  
with them their new-found powers  
of organization and instant decision.  
They form the 'general staff' of the  
criminal classes."

One of the most extraordinary in-  
stances of this new and dangerous  
linking together of criminal bands  
under the acute leadership of a skilled  
and cool-headed organizer, can be  
seen in the recent railway thefts  
which have been testing the powers  
of the police of half a dozen Con-  
tinental countries.

Travellers abroad, especially in  
Italy, before the war, were well  
aware of the cleverness of railway  
thieves. Valises and trunks used to  
be rifled, or else they disappeared  
altogether. But nowadays it is by  
wagon and truck load that the  
thieves operate.

In Belgium recently a goods train  
was composed partly of mineral  
trucks and partly of closed wagons,  
laden with textiles and tobacco. The  
train was shunted for the night near  
Mons. Next day it resumed its  
journey towards Antwerp, but with  
fourteen of the closed wagons  
missing.

The guard had duly received a  
slip, supposed to be signed by the  
Inspector in charge of the goods  
yard, informing him that, owing to  
a breakdown, the train had been  
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brake trouble, the missing wagon  
had been removed. It was six weeks  
before the railway authorities were  
able to trace them. Eventually the  
wagons were found at a small French  
frontier station, empty. The thieves  
who must have netted £20,000, were  
never caught.

The wanderings of a wagon of  
German dyestuff are at present  
being investigated by the Paris  
police, but they have no clues, and  
most unlikely the criminals will be  
arrested.

A German factory addressed a  
wagon-load of dye to an Antwerp  
merchant in Vienna. The wagon  
had barely left the goods yard when  
it fell into the hands of one of the  
international bands.

The waggons were promptly  
traced and fresh forged ones placed  
in the mail bags. The wagon's  
number changed, and its destination  
pointed out. Successively  
Amsterdam, and to Antwerp, then  
left Belgium and went to London,  
and finally reached the railway  
goods station of Paris.

Apparently the band had again  
left these towns, but all railway  
touch the dyestuff. The reason  
for it is very difficult to explain.  
Now that there is a glut of it, the  
big merchants know where to  
every ton of the stuff is placed.

In Paris an unsuspicious  
commission agent's promise  
and sell it. They offered the  
to the French National Dyestuff  
Company. But the firm had  
10 tons of German dyestuff  
available in the market and  
the police. The stolen  
setback and the thieves got

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## The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 1930

### OF BEING SERIOUS.

Life is real, life is earnest. The poet, and would have us be "up and doing." But was that spoken of Hongkong? It was not. Not even our poets—for we have poets—are foolish enough to be serious here. It is, Paul reminds us, useless to kick against the pricks, and to be really serious about anything in Hongkong would be to kick, with bare toes, against the prickliest pricks there are. For the person who would take local politics "as grand serious" could soon have a chance to put the test of experience the legend of the broken heart. Here the politician washes his hands with imaginary soap in imperceptible water. Here there is no power of public opinion, no possible chance of affecting anything or anybody by appeals to reason. To grasp this sorry scheme of things entire "is as impossible as to take down the moon," to would "reach to the heart's desire" is of those dreams from which one wakes up. Here is no social operation, no public spirit, no sense of responsibility, indeed, is no domestic community for the number of those regard Hongkong as their personal home must be very small. There must be a "minority," then come "an agreement," "good terms." Here men save "face," calculating always on "what is in it for them." What is the future of Hongkong? So long as the "good terms" bears fruit, why worry? But, why manure it?

Enough to give it a shake occasionally. Let well alone.

No sojourn in Hongkong is for most men one innings in a game. It is a bit of a joke. It is a something that will pass. The spectacle of a serious person would disconcert them. Why should he be serious when they are not? His ideals? What nonsense! Can he deposit ideals in a bank? Can he exchange them for sterling? Fudge. The fellow must be mad. Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we go Home, we "retire," we let Hongkong recede as a scene seen from the train, as a memory of bygone years, as a dream that was told and forgotten. The importance of not being earnest in a place like this is easily demonstrable. Earnestness bores the others. Why be "bored"? Earnestness spells infallible disappointment. Why sow for yourself the seed of disappointment? Quite seriously, one signs a pledge of total abstinence from seriousness as a matter of self-preservation, as a prudent precaution, as an insurance against unhappiness. One is just the reverse of that young man who wished to be a philosopher, but found cheerfulness constantly breaking in. Here one resolves to be cheerful, to be frivolous, only to find seriousness breaking in, and always with undesirable effects. "We are eight hours or so from moon in London. Why should we dream of going to bed when they do? We are leagues away from labour troubles and rebellions and all the generic phenomena of European life; why should they worry us any more than the war did? In McSwiney dead? Well, well. Who'll win the golf championship? Is Constantine back on the throne of Greece? Really? What about another whisky and soda? Is England ripe for revolution? Pooh! That's newspaper talk. No hurry. There's a late tram to-night. Why so serious?"

Paradox is a hateful word. It has led people to consider the paradox a mere writer's trick. It is not the fault of the writer—that life itself should be full of paradox. Here our most serious obsession seems to be our aversion from seriousness. We do seriously object to seriousness. Our denunciation and repudiation of seriousness is serious. If we take anything else seriously it is bread and circuses. When the witty Frenchman accused Englishmen of taking their pleasures sadly, he meant seriously. This we do here. To Bridge and golf and sport generally we bring a spirit of serious devotion. We are serious about getting on in the world, but at any suggestion that we should help the world in getting on we raise mocking eyebrows. We of Hongkong are not in the procession; we are on the grandstand watching it go by. We are not in the arena; we are in the amphitheatre and can turn our thumbs up or down as we like. There are those who would envy us. We are almost as aloof as was that Stigmund at the Council of Constantine, whose grammar a cardinal corrected. "Ego sum rex Romanus," retorted our kaiserly prototype, "et super grammaticam." Here we are above being serious. Rome may be burning, but we have fiddles to play.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The approaching wedding is announced by Capt. J. Thorvik of s.s. "Hwah Ping" to Miss Jean M. McIntosh.

It is notified that the new road extending from Gap Road, near the Dharm Sala, to Wanchai Gap is now open for traffic.

The British American Tobacco Company has donated \$10,000 to the East River War Relief Association, through their director General MacNaughton, on his visit to General Chuan Kwing-ming in Canton.

The friends of Mr. B. M. Collison, of the Straits Trading Company, will much regret to hear that a cable received by his Company reports his death from pneumonia, at Yunnanfu, China. Mr. Collison was one of the "strong men" of the Straits Trading Co. and would have been the head of the firm when the Hon. Mr. Nutt retired.

Owing to the difficulty of disposing of the liner "Imperator" it is proposed to utilise her as a floating hotel. Some shipping experts contend the days of the Leviathans are numbered. They do not pay, and will not be built in future unless another era of competitive building occurs, like that of Germany and England before the war.

The Rev. Mr. A. D. Stewart, headmaster of St. Paul's College and Mrs. Stewart leave on vacation to-day. Last night they were presented with two small Chinese pagodas and a silver dragon boat by the pupils who gave a musical programme and an exhibition of Chinese boxing and fencing. During the several months that Mr. Stewart will be away his brother, Mr. E. G. Stewart, will have charge of the College.

We have heard it stated, though we cannot verify the fact, that the Siamese Consulate have pronounced a decree nisi in at least one marriage between British subjects, which took place in Singapore, says the *Bangkok Daily Mail*. That decree is doubtless perfectly valid in Siam, but we cannot conceive that it would be so on British soil. As our contemporary, the *Bangkok Times*, pointed out, there are still a good many points concerning the legal aspects of marriage here which demand clearing up in an authoritative manner.

While on a voyage from Singapore to Miri in lat. 2.37 N. long. 106 47 E. Capt. S. H. Benson of the "Krian" stopped and picked up a large light, painted a very light blue. It was leaking badly, but otherwise quite buoyant. It was 9 ft. 10 in. long, 5 ft. 8 in. broad, and 2 ft. 5 in. deep. On examining it for marks he discovered a large white 8 painted on the sides and a large white 4 painted on the top. From the seaweed growing on it, he could see that it had the appearance of being in the water a considerable time, and he judged that it must have been at least six months.

A venerable old gentleman, dressed in his best clothes, called the other day on the Resident at his office in Jesselton, says the *British North Borneo Herald*. When asked what he wanted he politely explained that he wished to become a servant of the Government and on being questioned as to the capacity in which he proposed to be employed he intimated quite seriously that the post of head hunter to the Government would be most congenial. To clinch the matter he made formal application for a licence to take heads, and not having specified the number of them, suggested an open licence to carry on with. We rather admire the Resident's presence of mind in the matter. He passed the old gentleman on to the District Officer to deal with.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday.

A Chinese dentist, a passenger by the s.s. "Tilapia" reported to the police on the ship's arrival in port, that a leather belt in the pockets of which were jewellery, two drafts, and a quantity of Dutch paper money, valued together at \$1,922.50, was stolen from his cabin on the ship.

The case reported in yesterday's *China Mail* in which a salesman of the Leung Yik firm was charged with obtaining \$400 from a Chinese merchant by uttering a forged document, was further remanded by Magistrate Smith until December 30, when accused will be committed to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

The body of an 8-year old Chinese girl in an advanced stage of decomposition was yesterday found by a Chinese farmer in a pool of water in the Hokym village, New Territories. The child was reported missing by her parents on the 18th. The police are of opinion that the child, playing on the brink of the pool, accidentally fell in and was drowned.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday afternoon Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Chairman mentioned that the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon was of the opinion that unless further cases occurred, the outbreak of pleuropneumonia at the Dairy Farm premises at Pokfulam would be stamped out within a period of six weeks. Up to the present 190 deaths had taken place.

A concert in aid of the Blind Home, Kowloon, and Pokfulam Home is to be given shortly by Madame Lottie Gordon, an Australian pianiste, who has given many successful concerts in Australia in connection with charitable institutions. The concert will be under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Sir Reginald and Lady Stubbs. Madame Gordon will be assisted by the leading artists of the Colony.

A Chinese coolie employed at Bailey's Shipyard was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries to his head and right hand. It appears that the man was walking up a plank leading to a ship, carrying a block of iron, when the plank gave way and he fell into the water with the iron on top of him, thus injuring his head and hand. He was rescued by other coolies. His condition is not considered serious.

It is understood that the speech made by H.E. the Governor at the Chamber of Commerce dinner in the Hongkong Club last night in honour of the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, retiring general manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, contained an indication that when their guest of honour landed in Britain it would not be as Mr. Stabb. The natural inference from this remark is that Mr. Stabb's name will be included in the Christmas honours list.

Mr. Charles Alexander, who for many years has been well-known in the Singapore and China coast shipping trade as marine engineer has passed through Singapore en route for Mauritius aboard the "Ellenga" and expects to be back this way in due course, says the *Straits Times*. "Charlie" has moved about pretty considerably in the past few years. He was chief engineer of the "Laertes" when she was sunk near Singapore about two years ago. After that he made his way to British Columbia where he spent some eighteen months, but he has again answered the call of the East. He speaks highly of British Columbia as a country to live in at the present day—in comparison with some others.

Reports that have reached Tokyo from the United States say almost positively that the next Governor-General of the Philippines will be Senator George Fairchild, a resident of the Philippines and a leading figure in the sugar interests there. Senator Fairchild is not an advocate of Philippine independence but favours the establishment of a territorial form of administration, similar to that of the Hawaiian Islands, which would necessitate the formal annexation of the Philippines and make of them an integral portion of the American Union. Senator Fairchild has recently purchased the *Manila Times*, which will be, it is supposed, the organ for this annexation movement.

A blasting accident at Taishakung, Kowloon City, on December 17, which resulted in the death of a Chinese, had its sequel in Magistrate Orme's Court yesterday when a contractor was charged, at the instance of Inspector Fox, with unlawfully carrying out blasting operations during prohibited hours, and further with manslaughter. The Inspector deposed that during blasting operations supervised by the accused, a large piece of rock which was hurled into the air fell on the deceased's head causing a fracture of the skull from which death ensued some 15 minutes later. The accused pleading "not guilty," the Magistrate remanded the case fixing bail in the sum of \$250.

### POLICE BALL.

#### SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

#### GAY NIGHT FOR FORCE.

Last night was a gay night at the new Police Building, the occasion being the annual Police Ball. It was largely attended, and a success in every way. Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse, C.I.E., Captain Superintendent of Police, and Mrs. Woodhouse assisted the reception committee, and most of the members of the European section of the force were there. The guests were confined chiefly to the members of the department, the only outside guests being the Governor's A.D.C., Captain McGrath, who represented His Excellency, Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., and Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of the Forestry and Botanical Department.

The facilities of the building were utilized to excellent advantage in providing for the comfort of the guests. The front of the building on Hollywood Road was brightly illuminated and prettily decorated with flags, festoons of flowers, and pots of ferns. The interior also was transformed with lights and greenery. The gymnasium on the ground floor at the right of the entrance, which was converted into a ballroom, was decorated attractively. All the pillars were draped with coloured bunting, and the big room was encircled with hanging flags. At one side of the ball room a platform had been erected for the musicians, the "Zim Bom" jazz band of H.M.S. "Ambrose," assisted by a pianist. On the balcony overlooking the dance floor chairs and refreshment tables had been installed, and not far away were the bar and card rooms.

#### The supper menu follows:

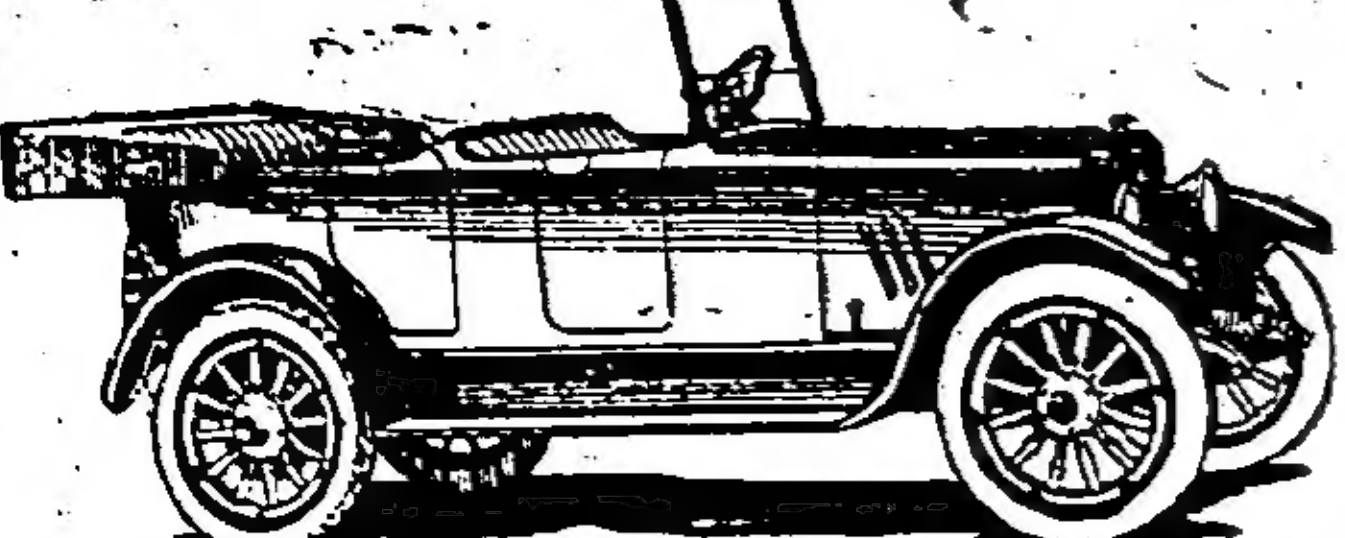
Beef Tea  
Lobster Mayonnaise  
Turkey and York Ham  
Corned Beef  
Saddle of Mutton  
Pheasant and Tongue  
Port Wine Jelly  
Fruit Salad and Cream  
Coffee.

Dancing began soon after 9 o'clock, and continued until an early hour this morning. The programme of dances was as follows:

1—Waltz ..... 13—Waltz .....  
2—Fox Trot ..... 14—La Rinka .....  
3—Lancers ..... 15—Tango Waltz .....  
4—Maxina ..... 16—One Step .....  
5—One Step ..... 17—Quadrilles .....  
6—Boston Two .....  
7—Destiny Waltz ..... 18—Maxina .....  
8—Fox Trot ..... 19—Ladbrooke .....  
9—Valeta ..... 20—Valeta .....  
10—Quadrilles ..... 21—Fox Trot .....  
11—One Step ..... 22—Lancers .....  
12—Waltz ..... 23—Tango Waltz .....  
13—Waltz ..... 24—Waltz .....  
14—Maxina ..... 25—Maxina .....  
15—Fox Trot ..... 26—Ladbrooke .....  
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## CORRESPONDENCE.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HONGKONG?

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—Having introduced myself into your columns yesterday, I am emboldened to voice some more "gropings." May I continue my letter of yesterday, Sir, and add something to the case therein set forth? Something which introduces a very much wider topic, briefly hinted at yesterday. I leave it to you, Mr. Editor.

Let us look at this Volunteer Scheme once again. I like the Volunteers. One has no doubts about the idea of unselfish service, but care should be taken that this idea does not become aimless and misdirected. Let us think of the many better ways there are, of using one's time, rather than this fruitless frittering away of the moments of eternity. Let us think of learning Chinese for instance. Can we suppose for one brief moment that the H.K.V.D.C. could throw up its old "mont" and start to learn Chinese "en masse"? If it is a question of "doing one's bit for the Empire," what a bigger bit this would be. I mean rather, what greater results could they attain by a proper application of this knowledge. But why traffic in the absurd? Why? Why? And is it absurd? And who really answers these questions, the individual or the community? I should say BOTH and the answers are usually different. "What is it, that creeps in to spoil the corporate view? I think it is fear... suspicion... fear of what? ... of the latent villainy in each other? But let's think all our things out, instead of blindly following passions, emotions, instincts and impulses. Can we? What am I but impulse? They are thinking and I am not. I'm a fellow on a mad horse! or perhaps it is merely an enfeebled donkey.

Now let's look at this idea of doing one's bit for the Empire. I like it, so long as the Empire is a sane force, so long as the Empire is doing its bit for mankind. But is it in Hongkong? "I ask you!" Is there much REASON in this place? ... Coming fresh from England I have had but eight months to judge, but on every hand in the Clubs, on the tram, on the ferry, one hears one's own judgments echoed. One sees and hears the villainy of the place, one sees the uncharitableness so frequently expressed in numberless ways, the snobbery at both ends... and yet one meets on every hand so many reasonable men. Something's gone wrong. We have so many people realising these things, but so little collective expression. Let's wake up! Let's pull ourselves together. Let us not have views and remain apathetic. Let us boldly set up the dogma of REASON against the forces of UNREASON, and obtain a little more balance of power. Let us set it up in speech and in writing, and in action, but don't interpret this as Bolshevism. The latter as we usually understand the term is merely another form of UNREASON.

I am rather surprised at the apathy one finds here. Perhaps it is the climate. But why don't our business leaders speak out a little more on these subjects? How good it might be for the Colony, for Mr. Holyoak, Mr. Ede, and Mr. Edkins to give us on occasions, some good straight talk... roundly and sincerely. People might listen to them. Are they making the best sociological use of their position? One thinks of power wielded well, way "homeside"...

But here is an old advertisement butting in, which calls a halt... and what colossal conceit for newly arrived youth to dare think it can point home truths, and what a feeble articulation and what a feast for old (is he old?) Adversaries, to pull it all to pieces. To "kill it" infinitely in one of his pithy pungent paragraphs. Perhaps a better time is coming... Constitutional Reform as a new year's gift? Let's live on HOPE. There is something in this idea. And this is "positively my last appearance" Sir, as I have all those 4784 books to tackle, as well as the tongue of Confucius. I have to live and learn. Learn what? The Hopelessness?—Yours faithfully,

"TRUTH GROPER."  
[This correspondent is recommended to read to-day's leader, "Of Being Serious."]

## A WISE LETTER.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—"Truth Groper's" ideas are all right, but he has expressed himself badly, evoking such a letter

as was written by "Common Sense." There is no fool like your "Common Sense" fool. Such as he retard the intellectual progress of the world. His antiquated talk about serving the Empire inclines me to think that he has never been to the Front. Only those who have been can appreciate fully the lessons to be learned from the Great War.

One heard a great deal about the aim of that conflict being to end militarism but I come back here and find it more firmly established than before the war. Besides serving at the front I have also served in the V.D.C. during the war and well realise its futility.

A word to "Truth Groper." If he thinks that the more books he reads the nearer he will get to solving the riddle of the Universe he is sadly mistaken, as he will soon find out. He need read but one hundred books all his life, but if they are wisely chosen and he makes good use of them he may be intellectually ahead of one who has read thousands. What is wanted, is original thought of which there is precious little in this world.

The spectacle of Youth determining not to waste a moment's leisure in order to solve the riddle of man's being before its allotted span is run makes one smile indulgently. How can we, the greater part of whose time is taken up by business, hope to succeed individually where the wisest of our race, specialists, have failed? No, if such a discovery is possible, it will come about only after long ages of sustained collective groping and co-operation and it seems to me that it will be necessary for the millennium to arrive before a start can be made. However, the human race may be exterminated in another silly world-war before then—I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,

"ANOTHER TRUTH GROPER."

## THE WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—With reference to the War Memorial Institute which it has been decided to erect please allow me, through the medium of your paper, to say a few words.

As most of the people in the Colony are aware the new institute to be the direct offspring of a movement commenced a few years ago by Sir Henry May, for the erection of a Y.M.C.A. Institute.

Subscriptions were collected for that purpose, and quite a large sum of money gathered. On account of the war it was thought it would be better to postpone further operations until hostilities ceased, consequently the matter was shelved temporarily.

As a Y.M.C.A. scheme it was temporarily buried. Since its resurrection it has been placed on the operating table and studied by the Y.M.C.A. directors, who in conjunction with representatives from the army and navy succeeded in changing it from a Y.M.C.A. building to a War Memorial Institute.

The public, including the original subscribers, has been asked to believe that the scheme as now represented is the result of advanced thought emanating from the new democracy which the great war has given us.

Now let us examine the new scheme, which was so well boosted by a number of the civilian members of the platform party at the recent public meeting in the City Hall.

A building is to be erected on a site opposite the Naval Dockyard; the building is to have about one hundred bedrooms for the accommodation; I presume, of resident members; there will also be in the building a restaurant, gymnasium, billiard room, etc.

An annex adjoining the main building is also to be erected which, to quote Sir A. L. Duff, is to be used as a first class larder, the whole to cost about five lakhs.

The new club or institute is to be known as the War Memorial Institute, and run on Y.M.C.A. lines, by a board of directors which will include the present directors of the Y.M.C.A. movement in Hongkong.

The institute is to be for the joint use of the services and civilians. "Tis an old and respected notion that criticism, if fair, is a good thing,

therefore with that thought uppermost in my mind I trust that this letter will be read by all parties interested, and digested and judged in accordance with the spirit in which it is written.

I feel that the erection of this building on the present site and under its present constitution will be a gigantic mistake, and the sooner we are perfectly frank with one another the better, as money at the present time is too scarce to be thrown away on blunders. If a building is going to be erected costing something like half a million dollars let it be built on a site worthy of the cost, more especially as the money is to be raised by public subscription.

As I can say nothing in favour of the site (I haven't met anyone who can) all I will say is, it is entirely unsuitable for such a building.

The only suitable site I can think of on the lower level is the much discussed finest site opposite the Hongkong Club; this would be most convenient for those who say that if the civilian element did not exist, only the

naval and military, it was time it damn well did. There is of course the old German Club which could be taken over and remodelled internally. If the new institute is to be run on Y.M.C.A. lines—as a Y.M.C.A. member of more years than I care to say, I say it is an outrage on the principles of the Young Men's Christian Association that a bar for the sale of intoxicants should be built as an adjunct, and the more I give the question thought the greater my surprise that the Y.M.C.A. directors in the Colony should support such a scheme.

Have a bar if necessary, but for the sake of what the four letters stand for: "COP" the question of Y.M.C.A. lines, and on principle the Y.M.C.A. directors must withdraw their support.

The Y.M.C.A. directors may say they have nothing to do with the bar, but not one of them at the City Hall public meeting or since, has said one word against it, therefore the public has no alternative but to believe that in the eyes of the Y.M.C.A. directors the bar is quite in order.

The Church was represented at the public meeting on the platform and in the audience, but neither of these teachers of Christian doctrine voiced their opinions. I wonder what they thought!

There is another point—the question of the new institute running smoothly and being a social success while catering for the services and civilians. Personally I don't think it possible, and I may say every service man I have spoken to on the subject is of the same opinion. No good can be obtained by beating about the bush, and building castles on sand; it is a recognised fact that the service man will not brook interference from the civilian and vice versa, and they are much better friends when they are not too close together.

Sir A. L. Duff has been very frank in telling us that the Navy must have a good club with a first class bar, and if they—the Navy—were forced to go on alone he was sure there would be no difficulty about a site.

Major-General Ventris has told us that in every garrison town there should be a temperance hall where young men could go without being subject to the temptation of drink.

The young civilian of the Colony has not had his wants expressed, but the principle thing he wants is a quiet and residential club where he can have a bedroom and board from \$70.00 to \$100.00 per month, and up to a few weeks ago he was living in anticipation of such in the form of a Y.M.C.A. Institute, for the promotion of which he willingly subscribed in 1914.

To merge these three wants into one common cause is absolutely impossible, and I think the only happy and practical solution to the problem is for Sir A. L. Duff and Major-General Ventris to appeal to the Naval and Military authorities at home for a grant of money to build a club in the Colony for the services, and I would say let that club be a building worthy of the name of "War Memorial Institute"—worthy of the memory of those dead heroes who gave their lives that we might live. If this were agreed to, the Y.M.C.A. directors could fall back on the original scheme, and prepare to erect a Y.M.C.A. Institute on a suitable site, wherein men of the services interested in the principles governing such an institute would be enrolled as members, and as in our churches, made heartily welcome. The press has just told us that the subscription sheets are not meeting with the response anticipated; I am not surprised at this as the movement is not at all popular, and the young men of the Colony feel they have been sold.

In conclusion I appeal to all those who were present at the City Hall public meeting, to the thinking men of the Colony, and to the churches to call another public meeting for the reconsideration of this most vital question with the view of having the constitution of the War Memorial Institute amended to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Thanking you for the publication of this letter—Yours, etc.,

I. G. S. D.  
Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1920.

## ROSE-GROWING.

## CULTIVATION IN HONGKONG.

LECTURE BY MR. NICHOLSON.

At a meeting of the Horticultural Society in City Hall last evening, an interesting paper by Mr. R. A. Nicholson on "Rose-growing in Hongkong" was read. Mr. Nicholson discussed the whole question of successful rose-growing in the climate of Hongkong, describing the proper preparation of a rose bed, the best methods of fertilising and caring for the bushes, the varieties of roses suitable for cultivation, where to obtain them, and how to deal with the pests that may be expected to attack them. Mr. L. N. Lee presided at the meeting. Those present included—The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Chatham, Mrs. M. J. D. Stevens, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Harrington, Miss Gibbs, Miss Wallace, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. B. H.

Joseph and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. Gibbs.

The Society will print the lecture, through the kindness of Mr. Ho Kom Tong, for circulation among the members and sale to the public.

A band of swindlers has been operating in the Colony for some months with uninterrupted success, victimizing many Chinese, according to an account in a local Chinese newspaper. "An instance is given of a Chinese emigrant, a native of the Toisan district, recently returned from abroad, who was relieved of \$16,000. He confided to an acquaintance that he had some money to invest in business. The acquaintance took him to a respectable furnished house in Caine Road and there showed him piles of share scrip and business contracts, and a stream of customers. The establishment had the appearance of a bank. He agreed to subscribe \$16,000 and was given a receipt. When he returned the next day for his scrip, the house was deserted, and bank customers, and \$16,000 were gone.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

## CHRISTMAS &amp; NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THIS Office will be entirely CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 25th December, 1920, and SATURDAY, 1921. It will be open for all purposes till noon on MONDAY, the 27th December, 1920.

Licensed Warehouses will be entirely CLOSED on those dates.

C. W. BECKWITH, Superintendent, Imports and Exports.

Hongkong, December 22, 1920.

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on SATURDAY, the 25th and MONDAY the 27th instant.

Hongkong, December 22, 1920.

## NOTICE.

A SANTA CLAUS will arrive earlier than usual on Xmas Eve, FRIDAY, 24th Dec., all children invited to Peak Hotel on that day are asked to come at half past three o'clock (as originally arranged).

Peak Hotel, 22nd Dec., 1920.

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6	Black's Link	1/2 x 1/2	1/4	1/4	1/4
7	Black's Link	1/2 x 1/2	1/4	1/4	1/4
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## THE Steamship

## "SAMARANG MARU."

From JAPAN.

## CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2nd Dec.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 7th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, December 21, 1920.

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Goods not cleared by the 28th Dec. 1920, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, December 21, 1920.

## TOTO KISEN KAISHA.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE Steamship

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Storage will be arranged on cargo remaining undelivered after Wednesday, the 23rd December, 1920.

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No claims will be recognized after goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

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Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager.

Hongkong, December 21, 1920.

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"BANCA" (Cargo)	6,000	18th Jan.	MAHARAJA LONDON & A'warp.
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"DELTA"	5,000	4th Feb.	Do.
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TSURUGA MARU ... Middle of January.

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NAGANO MARU ... Wednesday, 29th December.

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**BOMBAY & COLOMBO** via Singapore.

RANGOON MARU ... Tuesday, 11th January.

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YOSHI MARU ... Thursday, 30th December.

TAKAKA MARU ... Thursday, 6th January.

**JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.**

AKI MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Jan., at 11 a.m.

**SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.**

TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 22nd December.

KAGA MARU ... Sunday, 26th Dec., at 11 a.m.

KOSU MARU (omit Yokohama) ... Sunday, 2nd January.

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2—B. F. Laomedon
3—B. F. Rheus
4—B. F. City of Agre
5—B. F. Hector
11—P. & O. Bano
21—B. F. Agamemnon
31—B. F. Anchises
Feb. 7—R. F. Knight Templar
18—B. F. Telemachos
31—B. F. Kantucky
Mar. 7—R. F. Helenus

#### FROM JAPAN

Dec. 22—B. I. A. Tania
23—N. Y. E. Iyo Maru
24—N. Y. E. Sano Maru
31—P. & O. Sicilia
Jan. 5—B. I. A. Gregory Arcar
10—B. F. Machaon
13—B. F. Eastern
18—B. F. Bellerophon
22—P. & O. Plasy
24—B. F. Canis
Feb. 4—P. & O. Delta
1—B. F. Ixion
14—B. F. Karpenna
21—B. F. Mentor
21—B. F. Lycan
23—B. F. Tiran
Mar. 7—R. F. Achilles
14—B. F. Hector

#### FROM MANILA

Dec. 22—B. F. Tyndarus
Jan. 21—B. F. Teucer
Feb. 14—B. F. Proteus
Mar. 8—B. F. Talchibius
Apr. 23—B. F. Teucer

#### FROM JAVA

Dec. 24—J. G. L. Tilleboet
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#### FROM BOMBAY

Dec. 22—P. & O. Dilwara
Jan. 23—P. & O. Durnera
Feb. 22—P. & O. Dilwara

#### FROM CALCUTTA

Jan. 2—N. Y. E. Kousu Maru
2—N. Y. E. Sanku Maru
8—N. Y. E. Totomi Maru

#### FROM MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY

Dec. 27—A. O. Taiyuan
Jan. 2—E. & A. Eastern
22—E. & A. Kanawa

#### FROM VANCOUVER

Dec. 22—C. P. O. S. Montague
22—C. P. O. S. Empress of Japan
Jan. 7—C. P. O. S. Empress of Asia

#### FROM SEATTLE

Jan. 1—A. L. Crosskeys
22—W. L. Delight
28—D. F. Ixion
Feb. 20—B. F. Talchibius
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Jan. 30—L. A. P. N. West Hinton
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#### FROM PORTLAND

Jan. 1—A. L. Montague
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Dec. 20—G. L. Glenice
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10—A. L. Solodach
16—P. & O. Alipore
18—G. L. Glenice
Feb. 2—A. L. Doguene

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23—P. & O. Bano
24—N. Y. E. Iyo Maru
Jan. 8—P. & O. Delta
13—P. & O. Labore
20—N. Y. E. Tamba Maru
Mar. 2—P. & O. Alipore
14—P. & O. Rahnir
23—P. & O. Khiva

#### FROM LIVERPOOL

Dec. 24—B. F. Rheus
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15—B. F. Aschene
20—B. F. Lycan
22—B. F. Mentor
23—B. F. Achilles
Feb. 5—B. F. Eurypius
10—B. F. Telemachos
17—B. F. Tiran
23—B. F. Kremen
Mar. 2—B. F. Idomeus

The T. K. E. s.s. "Tenjo Maru" ar-  
rived at Yokohama on Dec. 20 and  
salvage the 2nd instant in accordance  
with schedule being due at Hongkong  
on Jan. 5.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Empress of  
Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via  
Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on  
Dec. 16 and is due here on or about  
Jan. 7, 1921.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Empress of  
Russia" arrived at Nagasaki on Dec. 20  
(6 p.m.), left there on Dec. 21 (1 p.m.),  
and was due at Kobe on Dec. 22 (1 p.m.).

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Empress of  
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Division were recently occupied con-  
sidering the question of microbes.

The Ryde magistrate had refused  
to convict a man for having sold  
milk said to be dirty and swarming  
with bacteria, and held that it com-  
plied with the Regulations. Against  
this decision there was an appeal.

Mr. Barrington Ward was referring  
to the bacteria in the milk when Mr.  
Justice Darling said: "But one's  
whole self is swarming with bacteria.  
If you fall down in the street you get  
tuberculosis."

The Lord Chief Justice: And then  
to cure you other bacteria are in-  
troduced. (Laughter).

"I should be sorry to be told how  
many millions of bacteria I shall  
partake of when I take some refresh-  
ment when the Court adjourns," ad-  
ded the Lord Chief Justice.

Mr. Justice Darling: Why, take  
an ordinary drop of water and ex-  
amine it under a microscope. It  
looks like a photo of the Zoo.

The Court dismissed the appeal.

Another appeal was then heard  
against a decision by the same  
magistrates. A Food and Drugs  
Inspector asked for a "glass of hot  
milk" in a victrola cafe, and the milk  
proved to be 25 per cent deficient in  
fat. The Ryde Justices had decided  
that he must accept what he got,  
"for better or worse."

Mr. Justice Darling: Then he  
would have to accept hot brandy,  
(Laughter).

Counsel: That is so—or water.

Mr. Justice Darling: They should  
have said that this particular milk  
was Ryde milk, and not "Cows"  
milk. (Laughter).

The appeal was allowed, and the  
case sent back to the magistrates.

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### SPORT.

#### YESTERDAY'S RUGBY.

##### "TITANIA" V. "CURLEW."

These two XV's met on the Club ground last evening and played a fine game before a large crowd of "rugger" enthusiasts. The match was very fast and evenly contested. The standard of play was excellent and the spectators had all the excitement they wanted. Only one try was scored in the match, and this gave the "Curlew" the victory by three points to nil.

The "Curlew" set the oval in motion, and the "Titania" falling to gather, carried play into enemy territory, where the oval was kept perilously near the line. Playing a hard game, "Titania" tried hard to clear, but the "Curlew" men were determined, and forcing the pace, had the defence in great difficulties. The "Curlew" men were faster, and every time the "Titania" forwards gathered the oval they were immediately on them with pretty tackles, which won much applause from the spectators. After a good spell of defensive work during which the "Titania" was in constant danger, "Titania" gathered and their forwards made a rush for "Curlew" territory where a knock-on spoiled their chance. From the scrum which followed, "Curlew" gathered and dashed away with the "Titania" in hot pursuit. In the "Titania" half of the field a strenuous struggle took place with the "Curlew" having the best of the exchanges. When they were awarded a free kick, a score seemed inevitable, but unluckily the oval struck the post. After this narrow shave, the "Titania" gathered and proceeded to take the oval as far away from their line as possible. They forced their way through the "Curlew" men in fine style and were soon well in enemy territory but the back was in fine form and did not allow anyone past him. After a tackling and passing bout in midfield, the "Curlew" forwards went away, and getting well in, were very dangerous. On several occasions they looked like scoring, but the "Titania" men had all fallen back to defend their citadel, and had the satisfaction of keeping it intact to the half time whistle which sounded with the score sheet blank.

The second half opened faster than the first with the "Titania" men making the pace. So well did they combine, that for a good while they had a monopoly of the game. The "Curlew" men could do nothing to stop the attack, but luck was favouring them, for just as a score was certain, the attackers were pulled up for forward passing and a good chance was spoiled. Emerging from the scrum which followed, the "Curlew" men made a bee line for "Titania" territory, where, hard work got South through the defence and opened the score for his side with a very hard try which was not converted. With the "Curlew" leading by three points, the "Titania" resumed play with renewed vigour, and making the pace, were all over their opponents. They had hard lines in not equalizing. Undaunted by this piece of bad luck, the "Titania" men continued the pressure with keen determination. Edmunds was given a fine ovation for the excellent game he was playing at this juncture. He was almost on the "Curlew" line when he was brought to earth. With a few more minutes to go, the "Titania" men were all out to save the match, but although they managed to keep the oval in "Curlew" territory up to the final whistle, they did not manage to score, and the "Curlew" retired winners of a very strenuous game by the only three points of the match.

The teams were as follows: "Titania"—Red: McDonald, Edmonds, Othart, Bland, Clarke, Evans, Jackson, Carr, Riddell, Gilbert, Farmer, Guest, Pilling, Munger. "Curlew"—Riley, Rowell, Halliday, Watkinson, Lewis, Newland, South, Smith, Smith, Dennis, Morris, Black, Coomb, Wilson, Yeo.

Referee: Commander Watkinson.

### XMAS MATCH.

#### ENGLAND V. THE "REST."

The Rugby Section of the Hongkong Football Club, co-operating with the Army and Navy, has arranged an exhibition match for Christmas Day, when a team representing England will meet a XV chosen from the "Rest." The match will be played on the Club ground, and will start at 4 p.m., sharp.

The following are the teams: England (in white).—J. W. Alabaster (Club); Sub-Lieut. Watkinson (H.M.S. "Curlew"), Corpl. Smith (H.M.S. "Curlew"), Sub-Lieut. Freeman (H.M.S. "Alacrity") and Lieut. Beaven (Army); Lieut. Everson (Army) and Lieut. Clarke (H.M.S. "Titania"); Lieut. Gilbert (H.M.S. "Titania"); A. K. Cobb, A. G. Lamplugh, J. S. McCann (Club); Capt. Blegg, Lieut. Dodington, Sergeant and Mortimer (Army).

The Rest (colours).—E. R. A. Reed (H.M.S. "Titania"); Capt. Torneroy, Capt. Murray (Army), Midm. Cook, Lieut. Bain (H.M.S. "Hawkins"); V. G. Smyth (Club); Lieut. Davis (Army); J. Ralston, H. G. Barker, H. C. Macnamara (Club); Capt. Bristol (Army); Lieut. Carr (H.M.S. "Titania"); Lieut. Ansell, Sub-Lieut. Thynne (H.M.S. "Ambrose") and Lieut. Langton (H.M.S. "Hawkins").

Referee: Major Edwards.

### TENNIS.

#### GARRISON LEAGUE FINAL.

At Happy Valley on Monday afternoon, the final in the Garrison Tennis League was played between teams representing The Royal Engineers and the 88th Coy R.G.A. A large gathering of Service men watched the match which produced some excellent tennis. The games were all very closely contested and a hard battle resulted in a win for the Engineers by 48 points to 33. A feature of the match was the fine play exhibited by Col. Taylor and Major Edwards who won their set by 21 games to 6.

The scores were: Col. Taylor and Major Edwards beat Col. Loring and Capt. Oliver by 7 games to 2; beat Major Hickling and Major Sanders 8 games to 1; beat Capt. Davies and C.S.M. Pragnell by 9 games to 3. Final result, 21 games to 6.

S.M. Jowbury and Cpl. Townsend beat Col. Loring and Capt. Oliver by 6 games to 3; beat Major Hickling and Major Sanders by 7 games to 2; beat C.S.M. Pragnell and Capt. Davies by 6 games to 3. Final result, 19 games to 8.

Sgt. O'Donnell and Sgt. Hellam lost to Col. Loring and Capt. Oliver by 1 game to 8; lost to Major Hickling and Major Sanders by 3 games to 2; lost to Capt. Davies and C.S.M. Pragnell by 4 games to 5. Lost by 8 games to 19.

1st Class S.S.Ms Booth and Stroud, R.A.S.C., were the umpires.

At the close of the match Mrs. Loring presented cups to the winners and spoons to the runners-up.

Three cheers were given for Mrs. Loring for kindly presenting the prizes.

### FOOTBALL.

#### CANTON TEAM HERE.

What promises to be a very interesting game of "soccer" has been arranged to take place on the University ground this evening when the Varsity XI will meet the team of the Canton Christian College now on a visit to Hongkong. The match is scheduled to start at 4 p.m., sharp. The following will represent the Varsity:—T. S. Khoo; S. A. M. Sopher and N. M. Lim (Capt.); Tai Hui Seng, Cheah Keng Seng and B. C. Lee; Samy, Serb, Choa Koh Liong, T. L. Cheah and C. C. Cheah.

### RACING.

#### MORE GRIFFINS ARRIVE.

Nineteen more subscription griffins for the Hongkong Jockey Club arrived in the Colony by the s.s. "Chenau" this morning and will be drawn for at

the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay, this evening at 5.30 o'clock. The training for the annual race which takes place in February has already begun, and although it is yet too early to form any opinion of the many ponies seen going through their paces every morning some of the new arrivals by the s.s. "Seachuan" promise to give a good account of themselves.

### M.C.C. ON TOUR.

#### FIRST DEFEAT OF ENGLISH CRICKETERS.

Sydney, November 19.—The fourth match of the M.C.C. tour began here today against New South Wales. Waddington, Hiltch, Parkin and Wilson stood down from the English side, and Strudwick came in for Dolphin. Over 150,000 spectators watched an interesting day's play, and when stumps were drawn for the day neither side could claim much advantage. New South Wales being 186 runs behind on the first innings with seven wickets in hand.

Douglas won the toss, Hobbs and Russell opened the English innings on a perfect wicket. Russell did not stay long, pulling a ball from Gregory into his wicket before he had reached double figures, and with the exception of Hobbs who had the satisfaction of making his second successive century, and Hendren, who was unfortunate in being run out when he appeared well set, the visitors batted with little confidence, the total being their lowest hitherto. Gregory took four wickets for 55, Mailey four for 69 and Kelleway one for 45.

New South Wales lost three valuable wickets cheaply at the close of the day, but then Kelleway and Bardsley played out time. The weather was fine but uncertain.

Score:—M. C. C.—FIRST INNINGS.

Hobbs, c. b. Mailey	112
Russell, b. Gregory	8
Hearn, l. b. w. b. Kelleway	2
Hendren, run out	67
Mailey, c. b. Mailey	20
Woolley, b. Mailey	11
Douglas, b. Mailey	0
Rhodes, b. Gregory	4
Ryder, not out	1
Strudwick, b. Gregory	0
Howell, b. Gregory	0
Extras	6
Total	236

Total (for 3 wickets) ... 50

Sydney, Nov. 22nd.—The M.C.C. suffered its first defeat of their tour today when New South Wales gained a brilliant victory by six wickets, scoring 335 runs in the fourth innings of the match for the loss of only four wickets.

About 17,000 spectators were present when the second innings of the M.C.C. was continued in warm weather. The wicket was good and the remaining batsmen were dismissed without much difficulty and the home side were set to get 334 runs to win. This they accomplished unexpectedly, thanks to the brilliant first wicket partnership between Macartney and Collins, which made victory practically certain. Both batsmen played confident and attractive cricket, and 244 of the runs required were obtained before the Captain of the Imperial Forces team was caught in the slips. Macartney was joined by Andrews and continued to bat freely. When he left at 292 the issue was placed beyond doubt.

For New South Wales, Gregory took five wickets for 67 runs; Kelleway two for 33; Mailey three for 100.

For the M.C.C., Woolley took one for 66; Fender, one for 74; Hearn, two for 44.

M.C.C. first innings, 235.

New South Wales first innings, 153.

M.C.C.—2ND INNINGS.

Hobbs, c. Hendry, b. Gregory	5
Russell, b. Gregory	1
Hearn, c. Gregory, b. Mailey	81
Hendren, b. Mailey	27
Mailey, c. Gregory	23
Woolley, b. Gregory	26
Douglas, c. Taylor, b. Mailey	11
Rhodes, l. b. w. b. Kelleway	26
Fender, c. Collins, b. Kelleway	54
Strudwick, c. Collins, b. Gregory	3
Howell, not out	0
Extras	13
Total	250

Total (for 6 wickets) ... 335

NEW SOUTH WALES—2ND INNINGS.

Macartney, l. b. w. b. Hearn	161
Collins, c. Russell, b. Fender	106
Andrews, c. Hearn, b. Woolley	34
Kelleway, l. b. w. b. Hearn	9
Bardsley, not out	3
Gregory, not out	11
Extras	11
Total (for 6 wickets)	335

FOOTFAULT IN TENNIS.

### THE PROPOSED REVISION OF THE LAW.

A. E. Crawley writing in a home paper, says:—

There should be some enactment this winter at the general meeting of the Law Association, for the governing body in England has announced its intention to revise the laws of the game on foot.

The laws in their present form are not well drafted, concisions of definition being too often lacking. An attempt will be made to simplify the wording.

Of actual alteration of the essence of any of the laws there appears to be nothing of importance except the proposed change of the law of foot-faults, a question which is always burning, and just now very fiercely in France.

As yet from the wording of the existing law of football in service, the "principle" embodied has never had any serious antagonism, except from certain critics from time to time who object to strong services and who would cramp the server still more than he is automatically cramped by the conditions laid down for service.

The present law falls largely in "practice" from the facts that it is very difficult for a linesman to see whether the server's foot is over the line before he has hit the ball, and quite impossible for the umpire in the chair, who decides in the absence of linesmen. It is players who run to the net after serving who chiefly cause these difficulties. The most efficient service is engineered from the left-footed stance (for right handers) and mechanically involves a raising and swinging forward of the right foot. If servers would place their front foot a foot or 18 inches behind the line, their swinging foot would never cross it.

But they will not do this; they put the left toe close to the line, and many of them have the natural trick of pushing this forward so as to touch the line. So had W. M. Johnston till I told him about it.

THE PROPOSED CHANGE.

The suggestion of the L.T.A. is that the server may raise his foot from the ground before he hits the ball, but, if so, must replace it on the ground (before he hits or at any time) "but behind the baseline." Thus the service would be completed behind the baseline. The idea is simple and could cause no confusion whatever; it being admitted that the server's racket and body may be over the line. A. H. Lowe serves with both feet on the ground behind the baseline, his body being well inside the court.

The main difference between this suggestion and the present law is that the server who makes a step with his swinging foot must perform a task as to complete his "step" behind the line. An important result of this would be to give an advantage to the ball.

The plain rapid service, such as that of Tilden's is even now impossible for a short man. And, placed a yard farther back, even Tilden would find his lightning service very difficult for clearing the net. Serving from near the centre of the baseline you have a distance of some 60 feet at present, to clear at the distance of 39 feet a net three feet high and a margin of 22 feet the other side of it. Thus the tall man will have a proportionally greater advantage than he has now.

A suggestion—the men who serve with a walk or a jump cannot mechanically be successful—these varieties might be expunged from the law, and the law might run that the service with its step (if any) must be completed behind the baseline.

As against all hurricane services, the expert player is well aware that if you stand well up to them you have an advantage; and the faster the server runs in the better chance you have of a counter-offensive, because of his hurry.

CONGESTED TOURNAMENTS.

The present season, not yet concluded, has produced a sort of geometrical progression in congestion week by week. Limited courts, six days, and unlimited matches. Almost everywhere events have had to be "divided," a sorry reward for keenness and endeavour.

A player the other day asked me if it was worth his while to enter in certain handicaps, as in his last six or eight tournaments he had had to play at 8 o'clock in the evening (precedence being given to "open events"), at which hour he cannot see, and on the final day the event in which he had put forth all his energy was "divided." At the Fulham Tournament last week (the Drive Club) there were 418 entries, that makes 404 matches, to be completed in six days on five courts. It is mathematically impossible. But what are tournament committees to do with this glut of competitors?

How can they restrict entries to a particular number? How can they refuse entries?

One solution would be to cut down the number of events—eliminate, for instance, the ladies' doubles, or the handicap mixed (the gorgon of referees)? But then you will offend a multitude, whose life ambition is in these contests.

Mr. J. Vincent Bragg, has been appointed general passenger agent of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, with headquarters at 625 Market Street, San Francisco. Mr. Bragg was formerly in the Hongkong office of the T. & K.K.

### RUSSIA IN THE SHADOW.

#### MR. H. G. WELLS'S VIEW.

#### VAST IRREPARABLE BREAKDOWN.

Mr. H. G. Wells who has returned from a visit to Russia, says dominant impression of things Russian is an impression of a vast irreparable breakdown. The great monarchy that was here in 1914, the administrative, social, financial, and commercial systems connected with it, have, under the strains of six years of incessant war, fallen down and smashed utterly. Never in all history has there been so great a debacle before. The fact of the Revolution is to our minds altogether dwarfed by the fact of this downfall. By its own inherent rottenness and by the thrusts and strains of aggressive imperialism the Russian part of the old civilised world that existed before 1914 fell, and is now gone.

The peasant, who was the base of the old pyramid, remains upon the land, living very much as he has always lived. Everything else is broken down. Amid this vast disorganisation an emergency Government, supported by a disciplined party of perhaps 150,000 adherents—the Communist Party—has taken control. It has—at the price of much shooting—suppressed brigandage, established a sort of order and security in the exhausted towns, and set up a crude rationing system.

It is, I would say at once, the only possible Government in Russia at the present time. It is the only idea, it supplies the only solidarity left in Russia. But it is a secondary fact. The dominant fact for the Western reader, the threatening and disconcerting fact is that a social and economic system very like our own and intimately connected with our own has crashed.

Nowhere in all Russia is the fact of the crash so completely evident as it is in Petersburg. Petersburg was the artificial creation of Peter the Great; his bronze statue in the little garden near the Admiralty still prances amid the ebbing life of the city.

Palaces are still and empty, or strangely furnished with the trappings, and tables and plank partitions of a new Administration, which is engaged chiefly in a strenuous struggle against famine and the foreign invader. Its streets were streets of busy shops. In 1914 it loaded agreeably in the Petersburg streets—buying little articles and watching the abundant traffic.

All these shops have ceased. There are perhaps half a dozen shops still open in Petersburg. There is a Government grocery shop where I bought a plate or so as a souvenir, for seven or eight hundred rubles each, and there are a few flower shops. It is a wonderful fact, I think, that in this city, in which most of the shrinking population is already nearly starving, and hardly any one possesses a second suit of clothes or more than a single change of worn and patched linen, flowers can be and are still bought and sold. For five thousand rubles, which is about six and eight pence at the current rate of exchange, one can get a very pleasing bunch of big chrysanthemums.

TWO YEARS' DUST.

I do not know if the words "all the shops have ceased" convey any picture to the Western reader of what a street look like in Russia. It is not like Bond-street or Piccadilly on a Sunday, with the blind nearly drawn down in a decorous sleep, and ready to wake up and begin again on Monday. The shops have an utterly wrecked and abandoned look; paint is peeling off, windows are cracked, some are broken and boarded up, some still display a few fly blown relics of stock in the window, some have their windows covered with notices; the windows are growing dim, the fixtures have gathered two years' dust. They are dead shops. They will never open again. All the great bazaar like markets are closed too in Petersburg now in the desperate struggle to keep a public control of necessities and prevent the profiteer driving up the last vestiges of food to incredible prices. And this occasion of shops makes walking about the streets seem a silly sort of thing to do. Nobody "walks about" any more.

TIME-ROTTEN CITY.

The roads along which the transporters run are in a frightful condition. They have not been repaired for three or four years; they are full of holes like shell-holes often two or three feet deep. Frost has eaten out great cavities, drains have collapsed, and people have torn up the road pavement for fire. Only once did we see any attempt to repair the streets in Petersburg. In a side street some mysterious agency had collected a load of wood blocks and two barrels of tar. Most of our longer journeys about the town were done in official motor-cars—left over from the former times. A drive is an affair of tremendous swerves and concussions. These surviving motor-cars are running now on keroseene. They discharge clouds of pale blue smoke, and start up with a noise like a machine-gun. Every wooden house was demolished by fire, frost, and such misery as there was in those houses remains in ruinous gaps, between the houses of stone.

THE PEASANT ATTITUDE.

The peasants look well fed, and I doubt if they are very much worse off than they were in 1914. Probably they are better off. They have more land than they had, and they have got rid of their landlords. They will not help in any attempt to overthrow the Soviet Government because they are convinced that while it endures this state of things will continue. This does not prevent their resisting whenever they can the attempts of the Red Guards to collect food at regulation prices. Insufficient forces of Red Guards may be attacked and massacred. Such incidents are magnified in the London Press as peasant insurrections against the Bolsheviks. They are nothing of the sort. It is just the peasant making themselves comfortable under the existing regime.

But every class above the peasants—including the official class—is now in a state of extreme privation. The credit and industrial system just produced commodities has broken down, and so far the attempts to replace it by some other form of production have been ineffective. So that nowhere are there any new things. About the

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### CARPENTER'S DEBT.

#### PORTH LE GLASS IN LIEU OF PAYMENT.

#### ARRESTED MAN'S STORY.

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Inspector Caygill said that it would be impossible for the carpenter to leave the ship at Manila, and the police would be able to get him on the vessel's return trip.

The Magistrate remanded the case until to-morrow morning, the accused to be kept in police custody for further enquiries to be made.

DOLES OF FOOD.

These bundles that every one carries are partly the rations of food that are doled out by the Soviet organisation, partly they are the material results of illicit trade. The Russian population has always been a trading and bargaining population. Even in 1914 there were but few shops in Petersburg whose prices were really fixed prices. Tariffs were abolished; in Moscow taking a dashy meant always a haggle, ten kopecks at 4 k. Confronted with a shortage of nearly every commodity, a shortage caused partly by the war strain—for Russia has been at war continuously now for six years—partly by the general collapse of social organisation and partly by the blockade, and with a currency in complete disorder the only possible way to save the towns from a chaos of starving, profiteering, starvation, and at last a mere savage fight for the remnants of food and common necessities, was some sort of collective control and rationing.

The Soviet Government reasons on principle, but any Government in Russia now would have to ration. If the war in the West had lasted up to the present time London would be rationing too—food, clothing and housing. But in Russia this has to be done on a basis of uncontrollable peasant production, with a population temperamentally indisciplined and self-indulgent. The struggle is necessarily a bitter one. The detected profiteer, the genuine profiteer who profits on any considerable scale, gets short shrift; he is shot. Quite ordinary trading may be punished severely. All trading is called "speculation," and is now illegal. But a queer street corner trading in food and so forth is winked at in Petersburg, and quite openly practised in Moscow, because only by permitting this can the peasants be induced to bring in food. There is also much underground trade between buyers and sellers who know each other. Every one who can supplement his public rations in this way. And every railway station at which one stops is an open market. We would find a crowd of peasants at every stopping place waiting to sell milk, eggs, apples, bread, and so forth. The passengers clamour down and accumulate bundles. An egg or an apple costs 300 rubles.

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